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In re application of:
Lockridge and Watkins
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OF USE

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) Examiner: B. Celsa

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed
September 27, 2002, consideration of the following remarks is
respectfully requested.

I. REMARKS

Claims 1 to 39 are pending. The Examiner alleges that
the claims are directed to fifty-two distinct and independent
inventions as follows:

Group I : Claims 1-2 (in part), drawn to a peptide
comprising substantially the same amino acid
sequence as SEQ ID NO: 2;

Group II : Claims 1-2 (in part), drawn to a "functional"
peptide "fragment" of SEQ ID NO: 2;